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#### Board of Aldermen.

CLERK TO THE AUDITOR—CUSTOM-HOUSE GAS AND WATER—FINANCE—BUSINESS FROM THE LOWER BRANCH—NEW BUSINESS, &c.  
The Board of Aldermen met yesterday—President Meredith in the chair. Present: Messrs. Barksdale, Bass, Bell, Cabell, Cannon, Crump, Dickerson, Ganser, Saunders, Scott, Smith, Todd, Wagner, Williams, and Meredith.

The Chair laid before the body a communication from J. B. Royster, Esq., Auditor, announcing the appointment of Mr. Edward J. Warren as clerk to the Auditor, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Edward McCarthy. Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Barksdale.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE GAS AND WATER.  
The Sergeant-at-Arms presented to the Council a communication from Dr. Charles S. Mills, collector of this port, explaining a public difficulty in paying for water and gas supplies at the custom-house city. Mr. Cannon presented a joint resolution, instructing the proper officers of the city to suspend collections for water and gas furnished to the United States Government by the city of Richmond, and to continue to furnish gas and water to the Government until such time as the necessary appropriations are made by the General Government, &c.

The resolution was agreed to.  
FINANCE.  
Mr. Cannon, from the Committee on Finance, reported, returning to the Board the petition of Mary Merriweather concerning an abatement and refund of culvert tax, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Streets.

FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.  
Various ordinances and resolutions from the Common Council were concurred in by the Board.

The resolution appropriating \$15,000 in bonds for additional school buildings, &c., was discussed at length.

Mr. Scott presented a resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to negotiate with the city of Richmond for the purchase of the site of the city of Richmond for the purpose of enlarging the accommodations for the public free schools.

Mr. Barksdale moved to refer resolutions appropriating \$15,000 in bonds to the Finance Committee.

The motion to commit was lost—yeas, 7; nays, 7.

Mr. Scott's amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, and adopted by the following vote:  
YEAS—Messrs. Barksdale, Bass, Bell, Cabell, Cannon, Crump, Dickerson, Ganser, Saunders, Scott, Smith, Todd, Wagner, Williams, and Meredith.

The resolution to appropriate \$2,400 to buy another hook-and-ladder truck came up.

Mr. Beall advocated the resolution.

Mr. Cannon moved to refer the resolution to the Finance Committee.

The motion to commit was agreed to, Mr. Cannon contending that three days had not elapsed since the passage of the resolution by the Common Council.

NEW BUSINESS.  
Mr. Smith presented a resolution as to the expediency of amending existing ordinances so as to provide for the appointment, with proper restrictions, of more than one person to the number of public weighers. Referred.

Mr. Beall presented various papers on the subject of immigration, &c. Referred to the Board of Public Interests.

By Mr. Dickerson: An ordinance to amend the city ordinance in reference to the School Board. Referred.

Adjourned.

**OSKOW MEMORIAL DAY.**—The Oskow Memorial Association, assisted by the ladies of Union and Church Hills and vicinity, very generally observed yesterday in decorating the graves of the Confederate dead interred at Oskow Cemetery. There was a very large display of flowers, and all of the graves received attention. The attendance was very large. There was no parade, and the services, although void of display, were impressive. The attendance was very large and many remained until midnight. Oskow is the largest Confederate cemetery in the South, and the ladies of the Oskow Association among the most zealous of all our southern women in paying the proper tributes of remembrance and love to those who died for "the lost cause."

May 10th is a sad anniversary in the history of that cause. Its annual recurrence recalls Norfolk's evacuation, the fatal wounds of Jackson, the untimely death of Stuart, and the battle of Spotsylvania—events which boded no good to the Confederate arms, and around which still cluster thoughts of sadness which are akin to pain.

**REGISTRATION NOTICE.**—The registration office will be open to-day only at each of the precincts in the six wards of the city. At this late hour the *Dispatch* can only reiterate its advice so frequently given for every voter to see that his name is properly registered, pay his capitation-tax, and to vote Thursday for an honest and efficient city government.

Only change in the list of places of registration to record to-day is that in the First precinct of Marshall Ward, which is at No. 3110 Main street, Rocketts. J. J. Cannon, registrar.

**THE MARSHALL WARD RALLY.**—In consequence of the illness of two estimable ladies in the vicinity of the Marshall Ward Club-room, the grand Conservative rally advertised to take place to-night at 8 o'clock is changed to Liberty Hill, Messrs. Kelley, Chamberlayne, Johnson, George D. Wise, Witt, and other distinguished speakers will be in attendance. The meeting is held under the auspices of the Old Dominion Club.

**JACKSON WARD CONSERVATIVE CLUB.**—The Conservatives of Jackson Ward have organized a club, with the following officers: John F. Boschen, president; James Harris, vice-president; Edward G. Matton, secretary; Mike Doherty, treasurer; James Doherty, sergeant-at-arms; Finance Committee: John F. Boschen, James Harris, Mike Doherty.

**TAK REVENUES.**—A Reckduster mass-meeting in front of the Old Market to-night will be addressed by Captain John Paul, John E. Massey, Esq., and V. Vaiden, of New Kent.

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